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## **DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY**

### **Coast Guard**

**[Docket No. USCG-2022-0044]**

### **Certificates of Alternative Compliance for the Thirteenth Coast Guard District**

**AGENCY:** Coast Guard, DHS.

**ACTION:** Notification of issuance of a certificate of alternative compliance.

**SUMMARY:** The Coast Guard announces that the Chief of Prevention Division, Thirteenth Coast Guard District has issued certificates of alternative compliance from the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea, 1972 (72 COLREGS), for the AGAMENTICUS HULL 68, BAKER, HULL 71, DECEPTION HULL 69, OLYMPUS HULL 70, RAINIER HULL 67, SENTINEL HULL 72. Due to the construction and placement of the sidelights, these vessels cannot fully comply with the light, shape, or sound signal provisions of the 72 COLREGS without interfering with their design and construction. We are issuing this notice because its publication is required by statute. This notification of issuance of a certificate of alternative compliance promotes the Coast Guard's marine safety mission.

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**DATES:** The Certificates of Alternative Compliance were issued on January 14, 2022.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For information or questions about this notice, call or e-mail Ms. Jill L. Lazo Thirteenth District, U.S. Coast Guard; telephone 206-220-7275, [Jill.L.Lazo@uscg.mil](mailto:Jill.L.Lazo@uscg.mil).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The United States is signatory to the International Maritime Organization's International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea, 1972 (72 COLREGS), as amended. The special construction or purpose of some vessels makes them unable to comply with the light, shape, or sound signal provisions of the 72 COLREGS. Under statutory law, however, specified 72 COLREGS provisions are not applicable to a vessel of special construction or purpose if the Coast Guard determines that the vessel cannot comply

fully with those requirements without interfering with the special function of the vessel.<sup>1</sup>

The owner, builder, operator, or agent of a special construction or purpose vessel may apply to the Coast Guard District Office in which the vessel is being built or operated for a determination that compliance with alternative requirements is justified,<sup>2</sup> and the Chief of the Prevention Division would then issue the applicant a certificate of alternative compliance (COAC) if he or she determines that the vessel cannot comply fully with 72 COLREGS light, shape, and sound signal provisions without interference with the vessel's special function.<sup>3</sup> If the Coast Guard issues a COAC, it must publish notice of this action in the **Federal Register**.<sup>4</sup>

The Chief of Prevention Division, Thirteenth Coast Guard District, U.S. Coast Guard, certifies that the AGAMENTICUS HULL 68, BAKER HULL 71, DECEPTION HULL 69, OLYMPUS HULL 70, RAINIER HULL 67, SENTINEL HULL 72 are towing vessels of special construction or purpose, and that, with respect to the position of the side lights, it is not possible to comply fully with the requirements of the provisions enumerated in the 72 COLREGS, without interfering with the normal operation, construction, or design of the vessel. The Chief of Prevention Division, Thirteenth Coast Guard District, U.S. Coast Guard, further finds and certifies that the sidelights are in the closest possible compliance with the applicable provisions of the 72 COLREGS.<sup>5</sup>

This notice is issued under authority of 33 U.S.C. 1605(c) and 33 CFR 81.18.

Dated: February 9, 2022.

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<sup>1</sup> 33 U.S.C. 1605.

<sup>2</sup> 33 CFR 81.5.

<sup>3</sup> 33 CFR 81.9.

<sup>4</sup> 33 U.S.C. 1605(c) and 33 CFR 81.18.

<sup>5</sup> 33 U.S.C. 1605(a); 33 CFR 81.9.

Chief, Prevention Division, Thirteenth Coast Guard District

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